allotted at Durgapur in response to a request by the Railway Board for setting up an EMU coach factory there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps so far taken by the Railways to set up such factory there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

EMU Coaches Factory at Durgapur

1143. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an EMU Coach factory at Durgapur, West Bengal;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of financial constraints, there is no proposal to set up any such factory, for the present.

Running of Alleppey-Tatanagar Express

1144. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run Alleppey-Tatanagar Express from Kharagpur instead of Tatanagar so that more people can avail of this train;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For want of spare accommodation in this train, Kharagpur is already linked with South by convenient fast trains.

Trains between Siliguri and Katihar

1145. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the frequency of passenger trains between Siliguri and Katihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 5717/5718 Katihar-Alipurduar Dooars Express restored from 1-1-93 is not fully patronised.

EMU Coaches between Panskura and Haldia

1146. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the difficulties faced by the commuters travelling between Panskura and Haldia section of South Eastern Railways, due to limited EMU coaches, there is any proposal to increase the frequency of EMU coaches between Panskura and Haldia;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof?

(c) the steps so far taken by the Railways in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for neglecting this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir. The present three pairs of services are adequate.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Introduction of Pantry Car in Mahanadi Express

1147. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Pantry Car in Mahanadi Express;

(b) whether it is proposed to be

attached during the financial year of 1993-94; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is at present severe shortage of Pantry Cars with Railways and besides, the catering requirements of the passengers are being adequately met from static catering units enroute;

DMU Rakes between Barasat and Hasnabad Section

1148. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce more DMU rakes between Barasat and Hasnabad Section of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway until electrification of this section;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps so far taken by the Railway in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The proposal is under consideration.

Modernisation of Shahdara Railway Station

1149. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even a waiting hall and other ordinary amenities are lacking at Shahdara Station near Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan for modernisation and development of this Station; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, modernisation works will be taken up when so warranted by growth in passenger traffic.

Introduction of Super Fast Express Train between New Delhi and Visakhapatnam

1150. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a super fast express train between New Delhi and Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Dakshin Express which now runs between Delhi and Visakhapatnam is lacking in minimum facilities; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to up-grade Dakshin Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Loan from Asian Development Bank for purchase of electric locomotives

1151. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are liable to pay heavy commitment charges running into crores of rupees to the Asian Development Bank for non-utilisation of the loan sanctioned for the purchase of 6000 H.P. Electric Locomotives; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to avoid this liability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) As per the Loan Agreement signed on 16.12.1987, commitment charge is payable to the Bank by the Government of India @ 0.75% per annum. Such charge will accrue on amounts of the Loan, less amount withdrawn from time to time, during successive periods, commencing sixty days after the date of the Loan Agreement, as per schedule laid down in